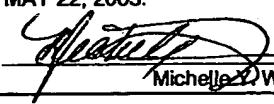


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5/29/03**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In the application of:****Guy M. MILLER et al.****Serial No.:** 10/020,450**Filing Date:** December 14, 2001**For:** **COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR
THE PREVENTION AND
TREATMENT OF CEREBRAL
ISCHEMIA****Examiner:** P. Spivack**Group Art Unit:** 1614**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111****Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231****Dear Sir:**

This reply is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2003, for which a response was due on April 22, 2003. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 1-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response from April 22, 2003 to May 22, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114; accordingly, applicants anticipate that the finality of the Office Action dated January 22, 2003 will be withdrawn.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the issues raised in the outstanding Office Action, and present the following Remarks in response.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended in light of the remarks presented herein, is respectfully requested.